

Introduced by Senator Gaines

January 23, 2014

An act to amend Section 65580 of the Government Code, relating to housing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 908, as introduced, Gaines. Housing availability.

The Planning and Zoning Law requires each city, county, and city and county to prepare and adopt a general plan that contains certain mandatory elements, including a housing element that analyzes existing and projected housing needs. Existing law includes various legislative findings and declarations related to the statewide importance of housing availability and the responsibility of local governments to address regional housing needs.

This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to these legislative findings and declarations.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 65580 of the Government Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 65580. The Legislature finds and declares ~~as follows~~ *all of the*
- 4 *following*:
- 5 (a) The availability of housing is of vital statewide importance,
- 6 and the early attainment of decent housing and a suitable living
- 7 environment for every Californian, including farmworkers, is a
- 8 priority of the highest order.

1 (b) The early attainment of this goal requires the cooperative
2 participation of government and the private sector in an effort to
3 expand housing opportunities and accommodate the housing needs
4 of Californians of all economic levels.

5 (c) The provision of housing affordable to low- and
6 moderate-income households requires the cooperation of all levels
7 of government.

8 (d) Local and state governments have a responsibility to use the
9 powers vested in them to facilitate the improvement and
10 development of housing to make adequate provision for the housing
11 needs of all economic segments of the community.

12 (e) The Legislature recognizes that in carrying out this
13 responsibility, each local government also has the responsibility
14 to consider economic, environmental, and fiscal factors and
15 community goals set forth in the general plan and to cooperate
16 with other local governments and the state in addressing regional
17 housing needs.